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Boston, August 9, 1872.

Messrs. J. M. Japhet and James Johnson:

Gentlemen—The receipt of your communication, in behalf of the Colored Club "Harmony," heartily approving my reply to Mr. Sumner's ill-considered letter to the colored voters of the country, gave me much satisfaction; not merely because of its kind personal tribute, but because it served to substantiate what I told Mr. Sumner, that the colored people needed no special enlightenment from him as to the manner in which they should bestow their suffrages at the approaching Presidential election. The mighty mass of them who have been emancipated from a horrible bondage know by whom they were enslaved; which political party has broken their fetters, and elevated them to the rights and privileges of American

citizenship, and which has bitterly opposed their freedom and enfranchisement from first to last; and by what spirit their old persecutors are still animated. They have just as much reason for believing that Satan, when he presents himself in the garb of an angel of light, will never again be up to his old tricks, as that the Rebel-Copperhead Democracy, now that it has borrowed a Republican guise, will henceforth be true to the cause of freedom and equal rights. It but makes its loathsome record still more detestable by its present impudent dissimulation. It is to discard common sense and to run charity into the ground to assume that such a coalition may be safely entrusted with the reins of Government or the liberties of the people, especially those of the colored race.

Yours, unalterably,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.